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Application Of:

FOREST A. HATCHER

Application No. 09/990,504 ✓

Filed: 11/21/2001

Group Art Unit: 3712

Examiner: John A. Ricci

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In an Office Action mailed November 15, 2002, the Examiner indicated that the above-identified application includes three distinct species of the claimed invention. Specifically, the first species was identified as including Figs. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. The second species consisted of the subject matter in Fig. 4, while the third species was identified as including the subject matter shown in Figs. 7 and 8.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the present application currently included no claims directed to generic subject matter. However, upon reviewing the claims of the present application, it is the applicant's belief that claim 11 is currently a generic claim that covers the three species identified by the Examiner. Thus, the applicants hereby traverse the Restriction Requirement made by the Examiner.

Although the applicant disagrees with the Examiner's assertion, the applicant hereby elects to prosecute the species illustrated in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Upon reviewing the claims, it is believed that claims 1-9 and 11-14 are directed to this

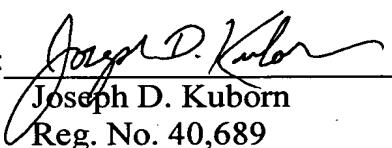
species of the invention. Therefore, the applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims 1-9 and 11-14 in the present application.

The Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned attorney with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/97)

1. Filing Fee

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee	
Code (\$)	Code (\$)			
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee
106	310	206	155	Design filing fee
107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee
108	690	208	345	Reissue filing fee
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee

SUBTOTAL (1) \$0.00

2. Claims

Extra Fee from below

Total claims -20= X =
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Claims

Multiple Dependent X =

Claims

Large Entity Small Entity Fee

Fee	Fee	Fee	Description
Code (\$)	Code (\$)		
103	18	203	9 Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	130 Multiple dependent claim
109	78	209	39 Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9 Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Code (\$)	Code (\$)				
105	130	205	65	Surcharge-late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for response within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for response within second month	
117	950	217	475	Extension for response within third month	
118	1,510	218	755	Extension for response within fourth month	
128	2,060	228	1,030	Extension for response within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application	
141	1,320	241	660	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application	
142	1,320	242	660	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	450	243	225	Design issue fee	
144	670	244	335	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	790	246	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	790	249	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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